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CINCPAC ALSO FOR POLAD; 13 AF ADVON, 432 TFW,
56 SOW, 388 TFW, 354 TFW AND 8 TFW FOR DO/DI; MACTHAI FOR
J-2 AND PAO

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: MOPS, PGOV, PFOR, PINT, ECON, LA
SUBJECT: LAO WEEKLY SITREP - JANUARY 16

REF: VIENTIANE 0185

BEGIN SUMMARY: NO SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS WAS REGISTERED AT
THE 8TH PLENARY SESSION OF THE JOINT CENTRAL COMMISSION TO IMPLE-
MENT THE AGREEMENT (JCCIA) ON JANUARY 10. THE RLG IS
RELUCTANT TO SURRENDER ALL POLICE ACTIVITIES IN VIENTIANE
TO THE JOINT POLICE FORCE, WHILE THE LPF HAS BEEN
STRESSING
ITS WILLINGNESS TO NEGOTIATE. LPF PROPAGANDA
CONTINUES TO WEIGH IN AGAINST THE THAI AND U.S. GOVERN-
MENTS, ALONG WITH THE V ADP000
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SENDING ROG TROOPS TO ENCIRCLE LPF TROOPS" STATIONED
NEAR LUANG PRABNAG AT THE INSTIGATION OF THE AMERICANS.
RPL ALSO ACCUSED THE "VIENTIANE ULTRA-RIGHTIST REACTIONARIES"
OF PREPARING TO STAGE A NEW COUP, WITH U.S. AND THAI
SUPPORT.

PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG, IN A SPEECH JANUARY 9 ON THE 18TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE LPF, CHARGED THE U.S. AND THAI GOVERNMENTS OF BLOCKING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VIENTIANE ACCORDS. AT THE SAME TIME, HE DECLARED THE WILLINGNESS OF THE LPF TO "UNITE AND COOPERATE ON THE BASIS OF EQUALITY WITH ALL FORCES, ALL POLITICAL PARTIES AND ALL LAO PERSONS REGARDLESS OF THEIR POLITICAL INCLINATIONS."

D. OTHER

ACCORDING TO THE PATHET LAO NEWS AGENCY, PHOUN SIPRASEUTH, HEAD OF THE LPF DELEGATION TO THE VIENTIANE TALKS, MET JANUARY 14 WITH PRIME MINISTER SOUVANNA TO "PUSH UP" IMPLEMENTATION OF THE VIENTIANE ACCORD AND ITS PROTOCOL, IN PARTICULAR THE NEUTRALIZATION OF LUANG PRABANG AND VIENTIANE, AS WELL AS THE FORMATION OF THE PGNU.

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II. SECURITY SITUATION

THE SECURITY SITUATION REMAINED QUIET DURING THE WEEK ENDING JANUARY 16 WITH ONLY TWO MINOR INCIDENTS REPORTED. THE MOST SIGNIFICANT NEWS WAS THE UNVERIFIED INFORMATION OF A FAR REGIMENT COMMANDER IN MR-IV, WHO REPORTED THAT ELEMENTS OF THE 9TH NVA REGIMENT, INCLUDING 22 TANKS, HAVE MOVED FROM THE PAKSONG AREA INTO SOUTH VIETNAM.

THE FOLLOWING SHOULD BE ADDED TO LAST WEEK'S SITREP: ON JANUARY 4, A CLASH BETWEEN A SMALL PATHET LAO FORCE AND AN RLG UNIT AT BAN KENG NHAO ALONG THE WESTERN FLANK OF THE BOLEVEN PLATEAU IN MR-IV RESULTED IN FOUR FRIENDS KILLED. THE CLASH WAS BELIEVED NBTO HAVE BEEN PRODUCED BY PL EFFORTS TO FORESTALL LOCAL TRADERS ENTERING PL ZONE TO POACH LUMBER.

III. ECONOMIC SITUATION

USAID COST-OF-LIVING INDEX FOR VIENTIANE ROSE FOR THE THIRD STRAIGHT WEEK AND BY JANUARY 14 HAD INCREASED 4.3 PERCENT SINCE END 1973. WHILE THE NON-RICE INDEX TURNED DOWN LAST WEEK, RICE CONTINUED UP REFLECTING THE RLG RE-IMPOSED 25 PERCENT TAX ON RICE IMPORTS EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1.

FIVE MEMBERS OF JAPANESE DIET STOPPED IN VIENTIANE TO DISCUSS INCREASED GOJ POST-WAJ AID WITH RLG OFFICIALS. ACCORDING TO NEWSPAPER REPORTS, THE MEMBERS INTEND TO ENCOURAGE THE DIET TO INCREASE POSTWAR AID FOR REFUGEE RESETTLEMENT, MILITARY DEMOBILIZATION, RECONSTRUCTION OF ROUTES 13 AND 9, DAMS, AND FEOF.

AFTER FAIRLY HEAVY FOREIGN EXCHANGE DEMAND AT THE END OF DECEMBER AND IN EARLY JANUARY, FEG SALES

HAVE TAPERED OFF SINCE THE MIDDLE OF LAST WEEK, REFLECTING CONTINUING CONFIDENCE IN THE PRESENT EXCHANGE SYSTEM.

IA PERMANENT TRADE MISSION OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA HAS BEGUN OPERATIONS IN VIENTIANE, PROMOTING THE SALE OF KOREAN SILKS, BICYCLES, AND ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT.
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